

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

April 15, 2014

Ms. Patricia Baptiste Chevy Chase Village 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Ms. Baptiste:

This is in reference to your letter asking the State Highway Administration (SHA) to reconsider a pedestrian signal to allow for a safe crossing of MD 185 (Connecticut Avenue) at Lenox Street in Chevy Chase Village in Montgomery County, Maryland. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you regarding this matter.

As a follow-up to ongoing discussions between Chevy Chase Village and SHA, we will install a pedestrian-activated flashing yellow beacon at the subject intersection and closely monitor the results for one year. This traffic control device will aid in alerting motorists approaching the intersection that pedestrians are crossing the roadway. After one year, an additional evaluation will be done to determine if any further measures are necessary. Recognizing that the right-of-way along the MD 185 corridor is limited, it is possible that we will need entry agreements from adjacent property owners to perform this work. At this time we are in the preliminary stages of design in which we are researching right-of-way and utility information so a construction schedule has not been established

Thank you again for your letter. If there is any additional feedback that you or members of the board have regarding this project, please feel free to contact me or Mrs. Felecia Murphy, Deputy Director/Engineering and Operations, Office of Traffic and Safety, SHA at 410-787-5815, toll-free 1-888-963-0307 or via email at fmurphy@sha.state.md.us. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Cedric Ward, P.E., Director Office of Traffic and Safety

cc: Mrs. Felecia C. Murphy, Deputy Director/Engineering and Operations, Office of Traffic and Safety, SHA